

MINUTES OF THE
EAST COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 21, 2006
(Approved September 11, 2006)

The Board of Supervisors held a Workshop Meeting on Monday, August 21, 2006. Present for the meeting were supervisors Robert F. Preston, W. Atlee Rinehart, John Doering, Jr. and Rosemarie Miller. Also in attendance were Casey LaLonde, Township Manager, John A. Koury, Jr., Township Solicitor and Mr. Brady Flaharty of ARRO Consulting, Inc.

1. MINUTES

Minutes of the June 12, 2006 Zoning Meeting

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve June 12, 2006 zoning meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Minutes of the June 26, 2006 Zoning Meeting

Mrs. Miller moved to approve June 26, 2006 zoning meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Minutes of the August 7, 2006 Monthly Meeting

Mr. Doering moved to approve the August 7, 2006 monthly meeting minutes as amended. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote. Amendments being under subheading, Blossom Meadows II, note that the developer acknowledged that they would be charged for expenses incurred by the Township Engineer. The Township Engineer noted that the developer he may just turn the retention pond back into a detention basin to alleviate the issue and the Township Engineer would not investigate the issue until the developer has made a decision. Other amendments being under subheading, 2006 Road Materials, note the discussion that Mr. Preston had with Ray Kolb using the following verbiage: The specifications of Page 3 of the bid package regarding the lowest responsible bidder defines how the township awards the contract, this was read into the minutes then Mr. Kolb was asked if either bidder had any character, integrity, reputation, or judgment problems and Mr. Kolb responded 'no' and they were all equal. Mr. Preston noted the motion that was made with a 3-2 roll call vote, Mr. Roland, Mr. Doering and Mr. Rinehart voted 'yea' and Mr. Preston and Mrs. Miller voted 'nay', Mr. Preston noted that himself and Mrs. Miller felt that the bid was incorrect and noted he would forward the bid information to the proper authorities for review. Note that Mr. Doering requested the Township Solicitor review bidding laws and PennDot rules. The Township Solicitor noted it was his understanding that the Township Manager would look into the PennDot rules. Under subheading, Additional Items Brought Before the Board, in the fourth paragraph state that Mr. Preston noted violations at 461 Sanatoga Road for boarding house issues, 329 Sanatoga Road for a trailer behind the house and 315 Sanatoga Road for a trailer in front of the house to be addressed by the Code Enforcement Officer. At this meeting, the Township Solicitor was authorized to investigate the bidding laws and PennDot rules.

A note for these minutes, Mr. Doering noted that the issue of the immediate impact on roadway maintenance was raised at the August 7, 2006 meeting and this issue certainly figured in the voting.

Minutes of the August 14, 2006 Zoning Meeting

Mr. Doering moved to approve the August 14, 2006 zoning meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. David Heim had a complaint regarding the weeds at Blossom Meadows II.

Ms. Gail Brown noted that the Historical Commission has made considerable progress on the Historical Resources Map. Ms. Brown noted she has a list of questions for Jane Davidson and she will share such list with the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Brown thanked Mrs. Mary Ann Keen for her service to the Historical Commission and Mr. Preston suggested a resolution be prepared recognizing Mrs. Keen's service.

Mr. David Heim noted the Regional Resource Protection Plan would be distributed shortly.

Mr. Brady Flaharty noted that all documents for the PennVest application have been submitted to the PADEP. Mr. Flaharty plans to have a complete submission to PennVest by the end of day Tuesday, August 22, 2006.

Mr. Doering moved to approve Resolution Nos. 2006-13 and 2006-14, Letter of Responsibility and the Statement to Reimburse. Mr. Rinehart seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Exonerations and Exemptions

Mr. Rinehart moved to approve the exonerations and exemptions as presented by the Tax Collector. Mrs. Miller seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

PA Clean Ways

There was a discussion regarding the PA Clean Ways Program. Ms. Annique Ruiz-Brown was present. Ms. Ruiz-Brown requested to maintain the Sanatoga Road/Old Schuylkill Road intersection under the PA Clean Ways Program. Ms. Ruiz-Brown would like to maintain a memorial at such intersection. Mr. Rinehart noted concerns regarding memorials. The Township Manager will contact the insurance carrier regarding liabilities. Further discussion will resume at the September 11, 2006 monthly meeting.

Township Woods

There was a discussion regarding the cleaning of the woods on the township property. The Board of Supervisors agreed to close the walking path due to the dangerous nature at the recommendation of the Township Solicitor.

The Board of Supervisors authorized the preparation of bid documents for the township woods cleaning project.

Sewer Cleanouts

There was a discussion regarding ductile iron sewer cleanouts and vents. The sewer cleanout and vent specifications are to be modified to allow PVC to be utilized except for the riser and riser cap, which will be ductile iron.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

6. ADDITIONAL ITEMS BROUGHT BEFORE THE BOARD

Mr. Preston suggested the rezoning hearings (one at the Strutynski Development and the other on Sanatoga Road) be scheduled for January and obtain extensions if necessary.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Rinehart made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. Mr. Doering seconded the motion. The motion carried with a 4-0-0 vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosemarie C. Miller
Township Secretary